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## COUNTY BOARD COMPLETES WORK

Adjourns to Meet January 6, 1913. Session a Busy One.

## FULL REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

Equalization Board Fixes County Valuation at \$14,500,000. Hartford Agricultural Society Aided.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17. The committee on drains submitted a report which was accepted.

The matter of removing the fence between the park and the Weston place was referred to the building committee. C. R. Murphy was elected as a member of the board of county school examiners.

O. M. Vaughan was elected to succeed himself as a member of the board of county superintendents of poor.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18. The committee on equalization submitted a report which was adopted equalizing the county valuation at the sum of \$14,500,000. The valuation of the different townships is the same as equalized in 1911.

A new Fox typewriter was ordered for the office of the register of deeds.

A plat known as the Heild and Harding subdivision in the township of Keeler was approved by the board.

Commissioner Hungerford appeared before the board and asked that he be provided with additional vault room.

County Treasurer Stoughton presented his report for the first nine months of the year, showing receipts of \$248,646.01 and disbursements of \$247,921.86.

The committee on general claims submitted a partial report which was adopted.

After considerable discussion the sum of \$1,000 was ordered spread upon the roll-in aid of the new county agricultural and horticultural society recently organized at Hartford.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19. A report from the committee on rejected and charged back taxes was received and adopted.

A communication was received from the Kalamazoo board of supervisors reciting their satisfaction with their receipts and entertainment by the Van Buren supervisors and thanking them for the same.

The committee on finance recommended that the following taxes be spread upon the rolls: State tax, \$65,000.00; county tax, \$50,000.00; soldiers' relief tax, \$1,000. Report adopted.

The committee on apportionment submitted a report in which the above taxes were duly apportioned among the several townships and wards.

The committee to audit the accounts of the register of deeds submitted a report which was adopted, showing that for the first nine months of the year the register had received the sum of \$2,210.52 and had paid the same to the county treasurer.

The committee on claims submitted a further partial report; adopted.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21. A communication was received from the probate judge urging the establishment of a house of detention for juvenile offenders; also that the incoming probate judge be authorized to appoint a probate register with salary of \$500. The communication was ordered spread on the journal of the board.

The future renting of the building occupied by the Free Press and Courier was placed in the hands of the building committee.

Supervisors Coleman, Burger and Martin and their successors were delegated to superintend the expenditure of the money appropriated in aid of the agricultural and horticultural society.

O. W. Rowland, G. W. Matthews and W. H. Harrison were reappointed as board of county canvassers.

The committee to audit the accounts of the sheriff reported \$308.90 as the receipts of the sheriff's office since January 1.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22. The committee on county buildings submitted a report recommending the leasing of the rooms in the basement vacated by Mr. McNeil together with part of the vault to C. A. Potts for a term of five years for the sum of \$250 per year.

The clerk was instructed to remove a part of his records now in the vault occupied by the commissioner to the vault formerly occupied by McNeil; that the barn on the county farm be rehinged; that additional sections of book cases be purchased for the clerk's office; that the fence between the county grounds and F. A. Weston be removed; that the entrance to the school commissioner's office have a steel covering. Report adopted.

M. J. Blakeman was appointed agent

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## PAW PAW FAIR OF 1912 IS NOW A MATTER OF HISTORY

The big fair of 1912 is a matter of history. The exhibits were all ready by Thursday morning and the streets were decorated with the usual attractions of fair time. The stands were seemingly well patronized from the time of opening. The trapeze performer gave a strenuous performance and the tall man was IT. The band played and everything was merry.

The ball game on Friday afternoon between Downing and Paw Paw was an interesting one and especially was this true for the home team and their friends, as the score stood 6 to 9 in favor of Paw Paw.

The leap year party Friday evening at the opera house was well attended and an enjoyable affair. The young ladies are to be congratulated upon the success of this party, as it will undoubtedly be the last of the season.

Saturday was the big day. Numerous features were offered for that day, and carried out to the letter. The first excitement on the street was the bun-eating contest at 10 a. m. The crowd gathered around the band stand, where there were several contestants. The first and second prizes went to Grant McFarlin and Cecil Bradley.

The peeing contest at 11 was an interesting event also. Henry Cory of Porter won first and Rob McWilliams second place.

The greased pig charged down through the street soon after the last named event and a crowd of hilarious people were trying to keep within sight of him. We do not know whether oleomargarine or axle grease was used in his toilet, but that pig sure could go some. He did not make a home run though, for a young man, Claire Stevens by name, had made up his mind to overtake him, and did, but he will probably "come over the plate" about Christmas time.

The trapeze performer and a speech bearing on politics held the attention of the mass of people who gathered after dinner until the time set for the wedding, which occurred at 2:30.

The ball game Saturday afternoon was very well attended and in spite of the cold wave which overtook us during the afternoon, the spectators stayed by the game. The visitors were the same club as on Friday. They undoubtedly believe in an eye for an eye for they proceeded to do the same trick that was turned on them the day before, and when nine innings had been played the score stood 7 to 2.

The last evening of the fair was spent in taking a final look at the exhibits and thinking of the vast amount of work it requires to bring the results obtained.



The labor of placing the exhibits and guarding them for four days is no small item. This usually falls upon the broad shoulders of the capable men and women of the town who do this over and over and get nothing in return but the hearty thanks of a few fair minded people and the light, half hearted compliments of the majority who think that they should have done more.

The ones in charge of the enterprise are to be congratulated on the success of it, as on a coast of busy times in the grape harvest and general farm

work that has to be done in catchy weather, it was difficult to secure cooperation. Nevertheless the fair products that were brought in made a creditable showing.

Nearly all the merchants erected booths and they were, as a rule, very nicely done. A few were unique and merit special mention.

The Engel Baking Co. always have something to say through the medium of spectacular display. This time their booth was resplendent with the beautiful cake designed for the bride and also a specimen of nearly every kind of baked

ered in travel. We will not attempt a description of this wonderful collection this week, but will later take the subject up and give something of an idea as to its educational and commercial value.

Roy Tuttle, the florist, made a fine showing, his booth presenting a beauty spot of autumn foliage, with potted plants and a splendid array of bulbs and cut flowers.

F. L. Hudson's man turned his back on the whole show, but he was a swell dresser. His hair looked snarly, but aside from that he was in fine trim.

PRIZE WINNERS IN BOYS' CORN GROWING CONTEST.

WHITE CORN.  
1st, Cecil Laffer, Bangor.....\$10  
WHITE CAP DENT.

1st, John Bregger, Bangor.....\$10  
2nd, Phyllo Warner, Kendall.....8  
3rd, Howard Snow, Berlamont.....5  
4th, Cecil Trim, Bangor.....1

YELLOW DENT.

1st, Ned Starr, Bangor.....\$10  
2nd, Joseph Wheeler, So. Haven.....8  
3rd, Dana Bridges, Bangor.....5  
4th, Clifford Pugsley, Paw Paw.....1

Jesse Winne, Bangor.....1

Ralph Allen, Bloomingdale.....1

Francis Lynch, Bangor.....1

Clarence Cooklin, Hartford.....1

Subscription to Orange Judd Farmer: Earl Cleveland, Bangor; W. A. Chapman, Bangor; Dewey Peterson, South Haven; Franklin Johnson, Gobberville; Harvey Buckler, Berlamont; Max Redding, Berlamont.

Every township in the county except Porter and Decatur were represented in the contest. Seventy-two enrolled last spring and 40 exhibited corn.

It is impossible to get the list of the all winning prizes at this time, but will publish the names next week.

One of the many tempting exhibits at the fair was in the fruit section of the big tent, where several boxes of large ripe, luscious strawberries caused the many visitors mouths "to water" as they

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## CIRCUIT COURT CONVENED MONDAY

Large Number of Cases on Calendar to be Tried at Present Term.

## MANY CASES ARE OF INTEREST

Case of Lewis vs. Weidenfeller Will Attract Attention of Residents in All Parts of County.

Circuit court convened Monday at 1 o'clock p. m.

The call of the calendar was taken up, with the following result:

People vs. Wakely Eikenberg, violation of local option law. Continued over the term.

People vs. Malcolm S. Carnay, violation of pure food law. Entered plea of guilty.

People vs. Samuel Sherrick, assault with intent to do great bodily harm. Not guilty pro forma.

People vs. Archie Jamieson, violation of automobile law. Plea of guilty.

People vs. Wakely Eikenberg, appeal. Continued over term.

People vs. John Howard, assault with intent to murder. Defendant stood "mute." Plea of not guilty entered by order of the Court.

People vs. William Campbell, assault with intent to murder. Plead not guilty.

People vs. John Mackey, violation of local option law. Plead guilty.

People vs. George Baker, larceny. Plead not guilty.

Criminal cases will be taken up for trial as follows:

People vs. Samuel Sherrick.

People vs. William Campbell.

People vs. George Baker.

People vs. John Howard.

Issues of fact will be taken up for trial as follows:

Birt Keel vs. Wilson Fruit Juice Co.

John T. Scanlan vs. Tony Syein.

LaRue J. Kent et al. vs. Fred Kidman.

Alice Brown vs. Thos. J. Cavanaugh, Matthew Murphy vs. Geo. H. Rix et al. Others not yet arranged.

In the case of Archie Jamieson, who plead guilty to a violation of the automobile law, sentence was passed Tuesday morning, and he was sentenced from one to two years at Ionia, and immediately paroled on condition.

In the case of Lynn J. Lewis vs. Chas. A. Weidenfeller, a demurrer had been filed by defendant, and this was argued before the Judge Monday afternoon. Immediately after the argument the Judge dismissed the demurrer and stated that the case would come on for trial in its regular order. T. H. Cavanaugh, one of the attorneys for the plaintiff, suggested that they were ready and willing to take it up earlier if the defendant wished, so that it could be heard and disposed of before election, but defendant did not agree to this, and it will come in its regular order.

## HIGHLY HONORED BY HOME PEOPLE

H. L. McNeil, who was so highly honored last week by being elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of Michigan was heartily greeted upon his return from Detroit Saturday, when 100 of his brotherhood met him at the train and escorted him to their lodge-home, where a reception was tendered him. Guests were present from neighboring towns including Hartford, Lawrence, Glendale, Marcellus and Decatur.

Supper was served to about 200. B. O'Dell acted in the capacity of toast master and the responses were given in cordial good fellowship.

The occasion was a happy one and the Grand Master was congratulated heartily upon attaining his high degree.

## GRAPES IN FINE CONDITION

A short time ago Mrs. Walter Raleigh wrote on a card packed in a basket of grapes a request for the person purchasing it to report the condition of the fruit. This was done for proof of the packing and handling in shipment. Following is the reply to the request:

SEBECUMS, Miss., Oct. 19.  
Yours of Sept. 29 received the 17th at our store in fine condition and found all five kinds of fruit of the most delicious flavor. Bought from the Lewis Mer. Co. Our grapes ripen in July and the Scuppernon in latter part of August. This is the first grape grown here. I have never seen them grown in the past but they grow in clusters, color of hazelnuts when ripe. Hope we may find another basket of grapes like that one. Yours. Mrs. A. B. Payne.

## INTEREST IS WIDESPREAD IN GREAT CONTEST

Contestants Entering Daily--Beautiful Prizes Admired by All--Read Instructions Carefully--Big Opportunity Week--Take Advantage of Bonus Offers.

### EXTRA VOTES FOR EXTRA EFFORT.

To make your work count big right at the start, to enable you to get extra votes for extra effort we are going to make the following offer:

15,000 extra votes for \$15 in subs.

40,000 extra votes for \$30 in subs.

This means that if you secure between now and next Thursday evening \$30 in subs. (new and old) you will be given 40,000 EXTRA votes over and above the regular schedule. The 15,000 or 40,000 mean just what we say--EXTRA. You can see what hustle will do.

Universal, county-wide interest is being manifested in The True Northerner's great opportunity contest. Over a score of contestants have already entered and daily others are entering. Friends of these contestants even now are showing their interest by sending in subscriptions and votes. It's a good time to enter now, while the field is new, and when later you may take advantage of the final rush when your friends throughout the county will be pulling for you.

Expressions of surprise are heard on every hand at the remarkably fine array of prizes. The question is daily asked: "How can such an amount of money be given away in this community?"

It is a big undertaking, 'tis true. But for the fact that The True Northerner is the best paper in Van Buren county, that its field is county-wide and that it has a place in every home in the county, such an amount in prizes would be out of the question. But we are going to give away the \$600.00, and when, on the evening of Nov. 23, the final count is made it will be found that The True Northerner will have become a welcome visitor in hundreds and hundreds of additional homes.

This is "great opportunity week" for the contestants. At the head of this column will be found two bonus offers: 15,000 extra votes for \$15 in subs., and 40,000 extra for \$30 in subs., new and old. Also DOUBLE votes for new subs. Now there is no limit to the number of extra votes each contestant may obtain. You may secure as many of the \$15 and \$30 bonuses as you can--the more you get the stronger will be your standing. And then this is also harvest week for new subs. Each new sub. for the for the following week carries double the regular scale of votes. These offers are in force till next Thursday evening.

### Important.

Remember this! You will notice that all the extra vote offers are limited as to time. Never, under any consideration, will they be increased. When the day comes to which they expire a new offer will be made, but it will be reduced in value. Never again during the contest may you obtain such value for your subs as RIGHT NOW.

Do not hold back your subs expecting to get a big vote for them at the close. If you do you will be disappointed. This is a merit contest. We are going to give the handsome rewards for work. No manipulation of the vote offers will be made so that some eleventh hour laggard will get a big vote for subs held back. Those who enter now, take advantage of the extra vote offers and work to the finish are the ones who will be the winners.

### Rules and Regulations.

Anyone taking The True Northerner when the contest is started will be counted as an old subscriber. Those who subscribe after that date are counted as new. A subscription will not be counted as new if it is simply transferred from one member of a family to another.

No employee of The True Northerner will be permitted to enter the contest as a candidate. Votes cannot be transferred from one candidate to another after they have been cast. In case of a tie the value of the prize tied will be equally divided between those tying.

### Where the Prizes Will Go.

There will be two districts in order to insure absolute fairness in the distribution of the prizes.

District No. 1 will comprise the incorporated village of Paw Paw.

District No. 2 will comprise all territory outside of Paw Paw together with the towns and villages therein.

The contestant having the greatest number of votes will be awarded the piano; then the contestant standing highest in the opposite district will be awarded the dining room suite. The same plan will be followed in awarding the four district prizes, each district alternating until all are awarded. This plan has the stamp of absolute fairness. One district can have no advantage over the other.

Any question that may arise between contestants will be determined by the contest editors, and their decision will be absolute and final. Candidates are not confined to their own districts while they are after votes, but may secure them anywhere. By the fling of votes all candidates must accept and agree to all conditions.

The contest officially opens October 13 and closes at 8 o'clock on the evening of November 23.

The contest will be conducted absolutely on the square. The True Northerner will have no more interest in one contestant than another. The race is to be made solely upon its merits. One candidate will have just as good a chance as another. The result will depend solely upon effort. Candidates may enter at any time; it will be a six weeks' contest and no one is the winner until the last vote is in. Address all communications to the Contest Editors, Paw Paw. See the Contest Editors for instructions and all details of the contest. Make all money orders, checks, etc., payable to The True Northerner, Paw Paw, Mich.

There is one of the elements of chance in this contest. It is a simple, straightforward campaign for subscriptions. To secure the same results The True Northerner would have been compelled to put on a battery of canvassers. It decided to distribute this cost among its friends--to keep the money at home.

The True Northerner has given you this great opportunity to win one of six beautiful prizes absolutely free. A little effort, a little determination will bring rewards far beyond any ordinary compensation. Jump in and win. Send in your name at once. Come to the office of The True Northerner and let the contest editors explain how to win. They will be glad to explain all the particulars of the contest, and will gladly assist all they can. Don't wait a single minute, but come now, right now! You can win if you start NOW.

### List of Contestants.

District No. 1--Paw Paw.

Miss Marion Mutchler.....1,100  
Miss Maple Clemente.....1,000  
Miss Agnes Cagney.....1,000  
Miss Bess Harrison.....1,100  
Miss Florence Soule.....1,000  
Miss Esther Stevenson.....1,000  
Lyman Sherrod.....1,000  
Miss Clara Luther.....1,100

District No. 2.

Miss Marion Pierce, Paw Paw, R. F. D. No. 1.....1,200  
Miss Lucile Warren, Hartford.....1,000  
Miss Edna Owens, Bloomingdale.....1,100  
Miss Mabel Neil, Almena.....1,000  
Mrs. Lee Ballance, Paw Paw, R. F. D. No. 3.....1,000  
Miss Rita Lee, Paw Paw, R. F. D. No. 1.....1,100  
Miss Anna Marshall, Lawton, R. F. D. No. 1.....1,000  
Miss Grace Burlington, Lawton, R. F. D. No. 1.....1,000  
Mrs. Ed. Fritz, Gobberville.....1,000  
Miss Harriet Klett, Hartford, R. F. D. No. 2.....1,000  
Chester Gaham, Decatur.....1,000  
Mrs. C. L. Bowen, Oshtemo.....1,000  
Miss Gail Hunt, Mattawan.....1,000  
Mrs. M. T. Kellogg, Lawton.....1,000  
Miss Lyle Bucher, Lawrence.....1,000  
Mrs. Grace Becker, Paw Paw, R. F. D. No. 2.....1,000  
Miss Iva Tyler, Lacota.....1,000